

I realize that the days of "fair and balanced" are at least severely threatened if not long gone, but I protest Sinclair Broadcasting's centralized decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary funded by the same hired hitmen behind the groundless "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth" campaign.

Sinclair uses the broadcast spectrum free of charge, and in exchange agrees to serve the public interest. But when media consolidation is the rule, it's profit that drives decisions and not the public interest. I would rather have local managers determining what programs are aired in my community, not a corporate VP with ties to Washington politics.

Please strengthen media ownership rules; don't weaken them. The broadcast license renewal process needs to be less perfunctory and a more substantial inquiry into whether the licensee is truly serving its local audience.

Sincerely,